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NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK REMINDER

Don't forget National School Breakfast Week coming up March 7-11, 2011.



their orders for items not purchased and replace them with items that have extra cases available.

Visit www.schoolnutrition.org/nsbw the School Nutrition Association Web site for the School Breakfast Detectives' campaign information along with menu ideas and marketing tools.

Research has shown that starting each day with a nutritious breakfast helps students stay alert and perform better in school. Having breakfast in the morning also helps children develop healthy eating habits and contributes to their overall well-being.

If your school is interested in starting a breakfast program, contact School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501.

2012 USDA FOODS ORDER UPDATE

The 2012 USDA Foods order closed on January 20, 2011. The OPI Food Distribution Office is tabulating the final quantities and placing orders with the USDA. Once all the orders have been placed an updated list will be made available so that schools can make adjustments to

DISPOSING OF USDA FOODS

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) requires the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide a minimum level of commodities to each state for the NSLP. This level of commodities' support is referred to as the state's entitlement.

The OPI Food Distribution Program requires that all School Food Authorities (SFA) follow the regulations listed below to prevent the waste of entitlement dollars.

1. USDA Foods shall be requested in quantities which can be consumed without waste.
2. USDA Foods shall not be sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed of without the approval of the OPI Food Distribution Office.

USDA Foods may be transferred between like recipient agencies such as schools or RCCIs participating in the National School Lunch Programs. The OPI Food

Distribution Office must be notified prior to the transfer of or the disposal of any USDA Foods.

Forms for transfer or disposal of USDA Foods can be found by going to the OPI School Nutrition Programs/USDA Foods Web site listed below and clicking on Forms.

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_3

If you have questions regarding USDA Foods, contact the OPI Food Distribution office at (406) 444-4415.



SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS (SFSP)

Summer is just around the corner and it is time, once again, to start thinking about feeding hungry kids during the summer when school is not in session.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to serve nutritious meals to children when National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program meals are not available and to ensure that all children receive proper nutrition throughout the year.

Schools or non-profits in areas with at least 50 percent free or reduced-price lunch participation can qualify to run a summer food site and receive federal reimbursement for each meal served during the summer break.

One in 10 people in Montana live in households where there is not always enough food. With more than 85,000 children living in such households, hunger is a real issue for Montana families.

If you are interested in starting a summer food site in your area contact Sofia Janik, OPI School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2521.

The application deadline for being an SFSP sponsor this year is **May 6, 2011** for previous year sponsors, and **May 20, 2011** for new sponsors. Previous year sponsors may begin updating their agreements online beginning April 4, 2011.

Visit the OPI School Nutrition Web site at: http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/Summer.html to learn more.



SPRING ABC MEETING DATES

The spring ABC meetings are scheduled for March 1 in Miles City, March 3 in Great Falls and March 4 in Missoula. If you have agenda items you would like the committee to discuss, e-mail them to Brenda Peppers at bpeppers@mt.gov by February 23, 2011.